

REMARKS

Attorney for Applicant has cancelled the previously pending claims and submits new claims 43-47. No new matter has been added.

Claim 43 recites auto-negotiation circuitry coupled to a printed circuit board that includes logic to send transmission capabilities encoded as bits in a link base code word to a partner device coupled to the same printed circuit board. Attorney for Applicants does not understand the IEEE 802.3 reference pages relied upon on in the Final Office Action to describe this recited subject matter. For example, Attorney for Applicant does not understand page 962, section 36.1.2, line (3), relied upon in the Final Office Action to teach a DDI formed in a printed circuit board, to describe auto-negotiation circuitry coupled to the same printed circuit board as a partner device receiving the link base code word.

Attorney for Applicant request consideration of the newly submitted claims.

If it should be determined additional fees are required to prevent this application from being abandoned, please charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0221.

Respectfully submitted,

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